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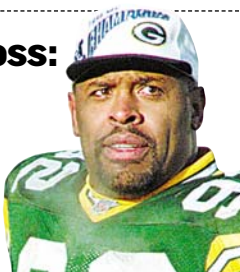
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SWEEPED AWAY: An unidentified woman cries after tidal waves destroyed her house in the coastal area of Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Sunday. Massive waves triggered by the most powerful earthquake in 40 years crashed into villages along a wide stretch of the Sri Lankan coast, leaving more than 2,100 people dead.

Tidal Waves Ravage Asia

Tsunamis unleashed by massive quake kill at least 11,350

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA | An earthquake of epic power struck deep beneath the Indian Ocean on Sunday, unleashing 20-foot walls of water that came crashing down on beaches in seven Asian countries across thousands of miles, smashing seaside resorts and villages and leaving more than 11,350 dead in their wake.

The death toll along the southern coast of Asia — and as far west as Somalia, on the African coast, where nine people were reported lost — was certain to increase, as authorities sorted out a far-flung disaster caused by the 9.0-magnitude earthquake, strongest in 40 years and fourth-largest in a century.

The earthquake hit at 6:58 a.m.; the tsunami

came as much as 2½ hours later, without warning. Sunbathers and snorkelers, cars and cottages, fishing boats and even a light-house were swept away.

Indonesia, Sri Lanka and India each reported thousands dead, and Thailand, a Western tourist hotspot, said hundreds were dead and thousands missing. At least three Americans were among the dead — two in Sri Lanka and one in Thailand, according to State Department spokesman Noel Clay.

The quake was centered 155 miles south-southeast of Banda Aceh, the capital of

Indonesia's Aceh province on Sumatra, and six miles under the Indian Ocean's seabed. The temblor leveled dozens of buildings on Sumatra and was followed by at least a half-dozen powerful aftershocks, ranging in magnitude from almost 6 to 7.3. The waves that followed the first massive jolt were far more lethal.

The carnage was incredibly widespread. About 2,300 were reported dead along the southern coasts of India, at least 289 in Thailand, 42 in Malaysia and 32 in the Maldives off the southwestern coast of India. At least two died in Bangladesh — children who drowned as a boat with about 15 tourists capsized in high waves. DILIP GANGULY (AP)

❖ **Path of destruction:** Coastal areas across Asia feel the effects of Sunday's massive waves | **Page 6**

GRINCHES | More Effective Than Coal There wasn't much laughter on Christmas at the home of a Texas man who put his kids' presents up for auction because they had been naughty, not nice. The man told the Houston Chronicle he wanted to teach



his three children that good things happen to good people and bad things happen to bad people. "Santa will skip our house," the man wrote in his eBay posting for a Nintendo DS system and three games to go with it. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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MONIKERS

The Why Variable

Just in time for Christmas, Snaphappy Fishsuit Mokiligon of Albuquerque, N.M., got a gift from the state Court of Appeals: a name change. Mokiligon filed seven name-change petitions since September 2003. All were dismissed. In an appeal, Mokiligon claimed

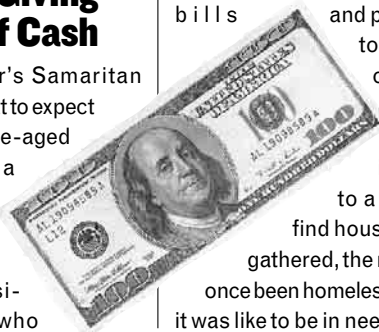
his right "to a name of my choosing" had been violated. Last week a three-judge panel agreed, ruling that a state district judge in Bernalillo County had not provided sufficient justification for denying his requests. Since his new name, "Variable," was neither offensive nor requested for fraudulent purposes, the panel wrote, his request must be granted. (AP)

CHARITY

The Spirit of Giving Away a Ton of Cash

Residents of Denver's Samaritan House didn't know what to expect when a bearded, middle-aged man parked in front of a homeless shelter on Christmas Eve. "It was like seeing Santa Claus," a shelter resident said. The man, who

did not reveal his name, walked into the building, pulled out a roll of \$100 bills and passed them out to each of the 300 or so residents, giving out \$35,000 in all, including \$5,000 to a family of six to find housing. As a crowd gathered, the man said he had once been homeless and knew what it was like to be in need. (AP)



JEROME NAKAGAWA/AP

WEATHER

Frosty, the Ill-Fated Snowman

Texas snowmen are notorious for their brief life spans, but this one stood tall anyway beside palm trees at Bill Schuup Park in McAllen on Saturday, as the Rio Grande Valley enjoyed its first white Christmas in recorded history. Flurries began Friday in the subtropical terrain after temperatures dropped to the upper 20s. Ice covered bridges and overpasses, but the region's citrus groves were unharmed, officials said. (AP)

MARKETING

Forbidden Fruit

Joe Procacci's tomatoes are fat and ugly, but that hasn't stopped people from buying the tasty fruit at premium prices. If their looks haven't kept them off supermarket shelves across the country, however, the state of Florida apparently will, according to ABC News. The Florida Tomato Committee, which governs tomato exports, demands that only smooth, round tomatoes can be shipped out of state. Procacci's "Ugly Ripes," have

911

Somebody Call ... Us!

A squad of firefighters in Lappi, Finland, accidentally set their own sauna ablaze Wednesday and could not extinguish the fire, news agency STT reported. The sauna was destroyed despite the volunteer firefighters' efforts; no one was injured. Bathing in a sauna is a national pastime in Finland. (EXPRESS)

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PEEPS SHOW: The maker of marshmallow Peeps candies may build a visitors center at its plant in Bethlehem, Pa. Just Born Inc., said the idea is driven in part by daily requests for tours of the plant, which produces 4.2 million Peeps a day.



Nation

CHICAGO | TSUNAMI TRAGEDY



SOLEMN PRAYERS: Jeevika Talluri, left, prays for people who were killed by powerful earthquake-driven tsunamis in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and other Asian countries at the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago in Lemont, Ill. on Sunday.

Airlines Struggle With Holiday Snarls

PHILADELPHIA | Some US Airways passengers were separated from their luggage a fourth straight day Sunday, while Comair put some of its passenger planes back in the air a day after canceling all of its 1,100 flights.

US Airways officials promised to reunite people and their luggage at their intended destinations by day's end, but a spokeswoman said it was not clear how many pieces of luggage remained unclaimed.

The airline blamed baggage problems and canceled flights —



Travelers search for lost bags at Reagan National Airport in Arlington, Va.

143 on Saturday and more than 100 on Friday — on Thursday's severe weather and on large numbers of baggage handlers and flight attendants calling in sick.

Comair's computer system that manages flight assignments crashed Friday night after it was overwhelmed by cancellations and delays caused by the winter storm that socked the Ohio Valley. The computer shutdown forced the airline to cancel all of its flights on Saturday's Christmas holiday.

JOANN LOVIGLIO (AP)

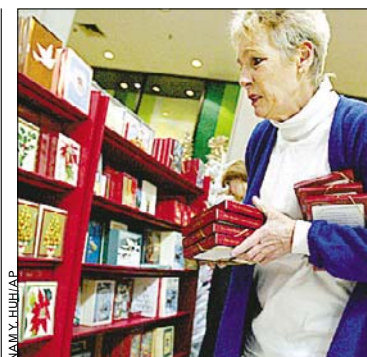
Retailers Eyeing Late Sales Rush

Ho-hum holiday sales trigger more price cuts; use of gift cards urged

Merchants who spent the past few weeks hoping shoppers would splurge on gifts opened their doors Sunday with high hopes the same people would now spend on themselves.

Stores slashed prices even deeper to squeeze sales from what is winding up to be an unimpressive holiday season. Some, including J.C. Penney and Target, were encouraging customers to spend their gift cards immediately, since the sales are recorded only when the cards are redeemed.

"The holiday season will be told on how many gift cards get redeemed in the week after Christmas," versus how many wait until January and February, said Ellen Tolley, a spokeswoman for the National Retail Federation,



A shopper stocks up on holiday cards on Sunday at a mall in Schaumburg, Ill.

which estimated \$17.24 billion worth — or roughly 8 percent of holiday sales — will be sold in gift cards this season.

Merchants are finding themselves in the same position they were in last year, relying on the days just before Christmas and post-holiday sales to save the season. Last year, a late spending surge gave retailers a better-than-expected holiday season. ANNE D'INNOGENZIO (AP)

Winter Storm Pummels the Carolinas

RALEIGH, N.C. | Snow, sleet and freezing rain pelted the Carolinas on Sunday, knocking out power to thousands and causing hundreds of accidents on one of the busiest travel and shopping days of the year.

Portions of eastern North Carolina received more than 9

inches of snow, surprising residents who often go an entire winter without seeing snow.

State troopers responded to hundreds of calls of accidents on the icy roads throughout the day. Two people were killed in North Carolina. (AP)

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TEXAS | WINNER'S CIRCLE



SIGNING IN: President Bush signs football jerseys for the Crawford High School Pirates, who won a state title this season, near Waco, Texas, on Sunday. Bush will spend the New Year's holiday at his ranch in Crawford.

In Brief

AKRON, OHIO

Seven Stabbed at Birthday Party for 2-Year-Old Girl

Seven people were stabbed in a fight at a birthday party for a 2-year-old girl, and police said Sunday they charged two men with assault. The little girl was not hurt, police said. The victims of the melee Saturday night were hospitalized and at least one victim required surgery, said police Sgt. Terry Hudnall. Police called to the party said they found men and women with severe knife wounds. (AP)

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Nationally Known Pediatric Surgeon Dead After Suicide

Dr. Jonathan Drummond-Webb, a heart surgeon whose work was the focus of a four-part television series and who successfully implanted a life-saving miniature heart pump in a child, was found dead Sunday of a suicide. He was 45. Drummond-Webb took an overdose of medication and left a note for his wife, who discovered the body, according to Arkansas Children's Hospital. The hospital said friends believe the surgeon suffered a sudden bout of depression. (AP)



Webb

Police Seal Off Boston Church, Ending Protest

NATICK, MASS. | A protest vigil at a parish slated for closure by the Boston Archdiocese ended Sunday when police sealed off the 114-year-old church following its final Mass and ordered parishioners to leave.

About a dozen parishioners had resumed the vigil at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday after two church members, Anne Green and Leo Ryan, were arrested for refusing to leave following Christmas Eve Mass on Friday night.

But after several hours, police entered the building and told the parishioners they would be arrested if they didn't leave.

The closure is part of a reorganization plan announced last spring by Archbishop Sean O'Malley. The

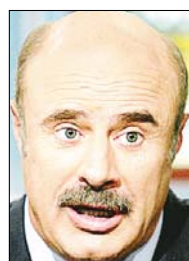


Protesters assemble at Sacred Heart Church in Natick, Mass., on Sunday.

move was in response to declining attendance, a shortage of priests and financial pressure caused in part by the clergy sex abuse crisis.

Parishioners at eight other churches were continuing around-the-clock vigils to stave off their closures. KEN MAGUIRE (AP)

HEARSAY | SPEAKING UP



"So I hope we don't ever just kind of become Stepford Americans where everybody is just kind of going along and nodding their heads."

—DR. PHIL MCGRAW

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World



WALL FLOWER: French urban climber Alain Robert, who calls himself "Spiderman," scaled the world's tallest building on Saturday — Taiwan's Taipei 101. Robert, 42, was slowed by bad weather but topped the 101-story skyscraper in almost four hours.

Coastal Areas Left Devastated

Mounting casualties, heavy damage after massive tidal surge

PHUKET, THAILAND | Thousands of European tourists were beginning their day with breakfast or by sunning themselves on Thailand's white sand beaches when massive waves triggered by a 9.0-magnitude earthquake swept people, bungalows, boats and cars out to sea.

Sunday's earthquake off Indonesia's Sumatra island sent tsunamis rolling across the Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal — and a wall of water along the resorts around Thailand's Phuket island, one of the most popular destinations in Asia for Europeans fleeing winter cold at home.

"Suddenly this huge wave came, rushing down the beach, destroying everything in its wake," said Simon Clark, 29, a photographer from London vacationing on Ngai island.

At least 289 people were killed and 3,675 injured by the rushing water, which struck at the peak of the tourist season when holiday-makers — especially from Europe — come here to escape winter. Thousands more were killed in seven nations as the waves rolled across the Indian Ocean.

"It's an extraordinary calamity of such colossal proportions that the damage has been unprecedented," said Chief Minister Jayaram Jayalithaa of India's Tamil Nadu, a southern state which reported 1,705 dead, many of them strewn along beaches, virtual open-air mortuaries.



THE OCEAN'S FURY: A crowd in Madras, in the state of Tamil Nadu, India, watches a car dragged out to sea by a massive tidal wave on Sunday. Tamil Nadu was the area in India worst hit by the wave, sustaining 1,705 of the country's total 2,300 deaths.

An Associated Press reporter in Indonesia's Aceh province, near the quake's epicenter, saw bodies wedged in trees as the waters receded. More bodies littered the beaches.

Authorities said at least 4,185 were dead in Indonesia; the full impact of the disaster was not known, as communications were cut to the towns most affected.

ALISA TANG AND DILIP GANGULY (AP)

DISASTER AND AFTERMATH

First-person: A Post reporter's own experience weathering the tsunami | **Today's Post, A1**

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A motorist in Penang, Malaysia, drives by a fishing boat dropped on a roadway by a tsunami. Officials estimated 42 people in Malaysia died from the tidal wave.

In Brief

IRAQ

Islamic Web Site Shows Footage of Mosul Attack

A video posted by an Iraqi insurgent group Sunday purported to show last week's suicide attack at a U.S. base in Mosul, with a fireball rising from a white tent. The group claimed that the bomber slipped into the base through a hole in the fence during a guard change. The Ansar al-Sunnah Army had earlier said it would release a video of last Tuesday's attack, which killed 22 people, including 18 U.S. service members and civilian contractors. (AP)

UZBEKISTAN

Uzbeks Vote for Parliament; Opposition Parties Barred

Uzbeks voted in a parliamentary election Sunday in which opposition groups were barred from running, sparking criticism from Europe's top election watchdog and a fierce defense from the country's authoritarian president, who insisted Uzbekistan has no "real" opposition. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe has said Uzbekistan provided insufficient conditions for a democratic vote. (AP)

COLOMBIA

Troops Search for Tourists Kidnapped by Rebel Group

Troops searched Sunday for seven Colombian tourists kidnapped by rebels as they celebrated Christmas at a lakeside spa, authorities said. Rebels with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, snatched the tourists from a cluster of bungalows late Friday. (AP)

Jewish Villagers Agree to Exit Gaza

Settlement is first to accept Israeli pullout plan

PEAT SADEH, GAZA STRIP | Residents of a small Jewish settlement said Sunday they've struck a deal to move to a village inside Israel, giving a boost to the government's contentious Gaza pullout plan by becoming the first community to agree to be evacuated.

Peat Sadeh, a tiny, upscale farming village tucked into the southwest

corner of Gaza about a mile from the Mediterranean Sea, raised the ire of hard-line settler leaders, who are mounting a campaign against Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to remove all 21 settlements from Gaza and four from a part of the West Bank next year.

Sharon's hard-line coalition government fell apart over his sudden

policy shift a year ago, forcing him to try to reconstitute his team with the moderate Labor Party, his traditional rival.

In early 2004, Sharon abruptly abandoned decades of work for settlement construction and expansion, calling Gaza's settlements "untenable" because only 8,200 Israelis live there among more than 1 million Palestinians in the impoverished seaside territory. PETER ENAV (AP)

General Rejects Bush's Criticism Of Iraqi Troops

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Iraq's top general on Sunday rejected President Bush's statement that some Iraqi government troops were unwilling to fight insurgents and have deserted the battlefield, saying the president had been misinformed.

Last week, Bush made a sobering assessment and criticized the perfor-

mance of Iraqi troops. "There have been some cases where, when the heat got on, they left the battlefield — that is unacceptable," Bush said.

Asked about Bush's comments, Gen. Babaker B. Shawkat Zebari insisted none of his troops had deserted from combat. In fact, he said, Iraqi forces are getting stronger and could be capable of replacing the Americans within a year.

"The insurgents are getting weaker. Hardly a day passes without detaining or killing dozens of them," he said. (AP)



LAKE EFFECT: About 30 Germans wearing only red Santa hats made their annual Christmas Day jump into a Berlin lake on Saturday, believing the frigid water is good for their health. Several complained there was no ice on the lake, Reuters reported.

World

Yushchenko Claims Victory

Polls forecast opposition win in Ukrainian vote

KIEV, UKRAINE | Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko declared victory Monday in Ukraine's fiercely contested presidential election, telling thousands of supporters they had taken their country to a new political era.

"We have been independent for 14 years but we were not free," Yushchenko told the festive crowd in Kiev's central Independence Square, the center of weeks of protests after the fraudulent and now-annulled Nov. 21 ballot in which Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich was declared the winner.

"Now we can say this is a thing of the past. Now we are facing an independent and free Ukraine."

Yushchenko spoke after three exit polls and partial results projected him winning easily in Sunday's Supreme Court-ordered rematch.

"Today, the Ukrainian people have won. I congratulate you," he said.

Earlier, Yushchenko told journalists and others crammed into his campaign headquarters that Ukraine had opened a new era, which would include neither cur-

rent President Leonid Kuchma nor Yanukovich, the prime minister and candidate hand-picked by Kuchma to be his successor.

With ballots from just over 50 percent of precincts counted, Yushchenko was leading by 56.34 percent to 39.85 percent, election officials said.

Earlier in the evening, a dejected-looking Yanukovich told reporters in Kiev "if there is a defeat, there will be a strong opposition." But he did not concede, saying "I am ready to lead the state," and hinted he would challenge the results in the courts. ALEKSANDAR VASOVIC (AP)



A NEW ERA? Supporters of presidential hopeful Viktor Yushchenko cheer in Kiev, Ukraine, Sunday as polls show their candidate winning a decisive election victory.

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Local



SIGN LANGUAGE: A bill headed for Virginia's General Assembly would rename the Route 234 Bypass between Manassas and Dumfries in honor of late President Ronald Reagan. Del. L. Scott Lingamfelter said Reagan had found that area "very beautiful."

Md. Hospitals Won't Shut Down

Doctors confident legislature will act on rising malpractice costs

HAGERSTOWN, MD. | The threat of emergency room shutdowns on New Year's Day has faded amid mounting expectations that Maryland's General Assembly will act to curb skyrocketing medical malpractice insurance costs in a special session that starts Tuesday, doctors and hospital officials say.

"I think, in terms of a lot of physicians, they feel like something is going to happen," said Dr. Karl P. Riggle, the Hagerstown surgeon who leads the statewide reform coalition Save Our Doctors, Protect Our Patients.

Riggle said many doctors, including himself, who balked Dec. 1 at paying 2005 premiums averaging

33 percent more than this year's bills have decided to pay at least enough to cover the first quarter of the new year so they can continue practicing beyond Jan. 1.

In mid-December, before the special session was assured, Riggle had said some medical services around the state, including the trauma center at Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown, might be forced to close Jan. 1 due to a shortage of insured specialists.

There no longer appears to be an immediate threat of the Hagerstown trauma center closing, Riggle said. And spokespersons for two other hospitals that faced potential doctor shortages — the Western Maryland Health System in Cumberland and Suburban Hospital Healthcare System in Bethesda — said they expect to be able to meet the needs of patients. DAVID DISHNEAU (AP)



Another impasse? The state Senate and House of Delegates are likely to pass different bills on the malpractice issue, slowing a resolution | **Today's Post, Metro**

KWANZAA | SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS



LOCAL CELEBRATION: Members of the Unitarian Church in Columbia Heights sing one of the various hymns on Sunday to help celebrate Kwanzaa. Area services were held in Northwest D.C., and Bowie, Md.



SINCE YOU ASKED

Q All daytime Red Line trains had been six cars, but recently they were reduced to four cars, causing very crowded conditions around 10:30 a.m. and beyond. Is this a temporary measure?

A It's actually seasonal, so don't expect to see those longer mid-day or late-night Red Line

trains again until March or April.

During the rider-heavy spring, summer and autumn months, the Red Line — the system's busiest route — operates six-car trains, even during off-peak hours. But as tourism and the region slow for the holidays, Metro has for several years trimmed off-peak trains to four cars, said spokesman Steven Taubenkibel. The shift allows

Metro to save money on maintenance and power costs by utilizing less equipment, he said.

The timing varies based on ridership levels, he said: This year it occurred the first week of December; last year it was late November. DANNY FREEDMAN (EXPRESS)

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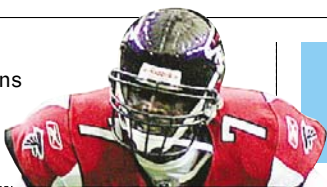
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KID GLOVES: Afraid their star quarterback would get injured, the Atlanta Falcons held Michael Vick out of Sunday's game against the New Orleans Saints. The result was predictable after the benching: The Saints won, 26-13.



Sports

Box Score

Cowboys 13, Redskins 10

DALLAS	0	6	0	7
WASHINGTON	3	0	0	7

FIRST QUARTER
WASHINGTON: FG Chandler 25, 3:01

SECOND QUARTER
DALLAS: FG Cundiff 26, 9:51
DALLAS: FG Cundiff 23, 0:00

FOURTH QUARTER
WASHINGTON: Royal 5 pass from Ramsey (Chandler kick), 6:44
DALLAS: Crayton 39 pass from Testaverde (Cundiff kick), :30

	Redskins	Cowboys
First Downs	15	21
Total Net Yards	233	306
Rushes-Yards	25-84	30-89
Passing	149	217
Punt Returns	4-59	3-20
Kickoff Returns	3-58	3-45
Interception Ret.	1-38	2-1
Comp-Att-Int	19-29-2	23-39-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-9	5-17
Punts	5-44	5-47
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-67	1-13
Time Of Possession	27:18	32:42

RUSHING
WASHINGTON: Betts 13-43, Portis 10-32, Coles 1-7, Ramsey 1-2
DALLAS: J. Jones 22-57, Testaverde 3-14

PASSING
WASHINGTON: Ramsey 19-29-2-158
DALLAS: Testaverde 23-39-1-234

RECEIVING
WASHINGTON: Coles 7-53, Gardner 5-31, Cooley 3-24, Jacobs 2-37, Royal 1-5
DALLAS: K. Johnson 9-84, Witten 6-50, Crayton 2-54

MISSED FIELD GOALS
WASHINGTON: Chandler 57 (SH)

The Cowboys Curse Lives

Redskins blow late lead for 14th loss in 15 games against Dallas

REDSKINS | Eighty-five seconds left, no timeouts, 75 yards to go and down by four. That's where Dallas was on Sunday and why the Redskins thought they would finally gain a road victory over their arch-rival.

But Vinny Testaverde overcame 3½ quarters of booing by leading a dramatic final drive, capping it with a 39-yard touchdown to Patrick Crayton with 30 seconds left that gave the Dallas Cowboys a 13-10 victory over the Washington Redskins, who last won in Dallas in 1995 when Heath Shuler was the starting quarterback.

The Cowboys beat the Redskins for the fourth straight time and the 14th time in 15 games. Just like their earlier meeting this season, the clash between Parcells and Joe Gibbs came down to the final play — this time, a 57-yard field goal try by Washington's Jeff Chandler that was a few yards short.

Dallas (6-9) went ahead 6-3 just before halftime, then fell behind 10-6 with 6:44 left on a 5-yard



PLAY OF THE GAME: Cowboys wide receiver Patrick Crayton catches the game-winning touchdown pass in front of Redskins defender Sean Taylor on Sunday.

touchdown pass from Patrick Ramsey to Robert Royal.
But Washington (5-10) just couldn't run out the clock.

Testaverde took over at the Dallas 25 with 1:25 left and threw three straight incompletions before he hit Crayton for 15 yards

Grading Gibbs

The best and worst from the game



- ➔ **BEST CALL:** Patrick Ramsey's pass to Laveranues Coles in the fourth quarter that gave the Redskins a shot at a field goal.
- ➔ **WORST CALL:** Gibbs was too conservative with the lead, allowing Dallas a shot at the comeback.
- ➔ **BEST ADJUSTMENT:** The team committed only eight penalties. It isn't great, but it is an improvement.

Grade: D: ANOTHER CHOKE JOB AGAINST THE COWBOYS.

on fourth-and-10.
Three plays later, he threw deep to Crayton down the right sideline and the seventh-round pick caught it in stride for his first career touchdown.

To make matters worse for the Redskins, Washington lost running back Clinton Portis to a bruised shoulder after just one carry in the second half. He had 32 yards on 10 carries. JAIME ARON (AP)

Ravens Injure QB, Lose to Steelers

RAVENS | Just like their previous game, the Ravens put a Steelers quarterback out with an injury. They accomplished little else on a day the Steelers made certain they won't leave Pittsburgh until the Super Bowl if they keep winning.

Unbeaten Ben Roethlisberger threw two touchdown passes in a run-heavy offense before being pulled from a 20-7 Steelers victory Sunday with an unspecified rib injury caused by a blindside hit on a scoring pass.

Pittsburgh (14-1) wrapped up home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs and a first-round bye. But a team already playing without six injured regulars sustained two more injuries,



The Steelers' main concern is how healthy rookie Ben Roethlisberger is.

as Roethlisberger and cornerback Deshea Townsend (broken right hand) left during the fourth quarter.

Roethlisberger's injury was the lone worrisome note for the Steelers as they ran their franchise-record winning streak to 13 games and all but eliminated the Ravens (8-7) from playoff contention. (AP)

Fresno State Eager to Pull Upset Over Virginia

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Virginia offers the perfect matchup for Fresno State coach Pat Hill: a Top 25 opponent and another chance to knock off a team from a Bowl Championship Series conference.

At least this time Fresno State faces the 18th-ranked Cavaliers of the Atlantic Coast Conference on a neutral field Monday in the MPC Computers Bowl. Usually, the Bulldogs play these games in the other team's stadium.

But don't think Fresno State (8-3) from the Western Athletic Conference has nothing to lose. "The expectation at Fresno State is to win, and a win over Virginia

would salvage our season at 9-3," Hill insisted.

Boise isn't your typical bowl trip. The weather is frosty, though this year it's rather warm with a forecast of 41 degrees and partly cloudy skies. And there's the blue field.

As for the game itself, it's a solid matchup.

Virginia (8-3) is making its third straight bowl trip, and the Cavs' only losses this season were to Florida State, Miami and Virginia Tech.

Fresno State's offense is rolling, averaging 56 points a game over a five-game winning streak. "They're really clicking," said Groh.

TIM KORTE (AP)

NFL Scoreboard

- FRIDAY, DEC. 24**
Packers 34, Vikings 31
- SATURDAY, DEC. 25**
Broncos 37, Titans 16
Chiefs 31, Raiders 30
- SUNDAY, DEC. 26**
Bengals 23, N.Y. Giants 22
Steelers 20, Ravens 7
Colts 34, Chargers 31 (OT)
Saints 26, Falcons 13
Texans 21, Jaguars 0
Lions 19, Bears 13
Bills 41, 49ers 7
Patriots 23, Jets 7
Seahawks 24, Cardinals 21
Panthers 37, Bucs 20
Cowboys 16, Redskins 13

Playoff picture: See how Sunday's NFL action affects who will be playing in the postseason. The Redskins won't be there | Today's Post, Sports

Sports

8.0

The overnight rating for the Miami Heat's 104-102 overtime victory over the Los Angeles Lakers — featuring the feud between Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant — on Christmas. That was the highest rating for an NBA regular season game since February 1998.

Manning Passes Marino

Colts quarterback sets record for touchdown throws in a season

FOOTBALL | Peyton Manning broke Dan Marino's single-season touchdown pass record when he threw his 48th and 49th of the season on Sunday against San Diego.

Manning hit Brandon Stokley on a 21-yard post pattern with 56 seconds to play to break the record, sending the home crowd into a frenzy. At Manning's request, the game continued, and he strode calmly off the field before being mobbed by teammates on the sideline. A few minutes later, Manning led the Colts on a drive in overtime that led to a 34-31 win for Indianapolis.

Marino threw 48 while guiding the Miami Dolphins to the Super Bowl in 1984.

"I held that record for 20 years, and I know in years to come you're going to be really proud of it," Marino said in a post-game interview with Manning — who called the former Dolphins quarterback "my hero." Marino now is a commentator for CBS' NFL Today show.

JON KRAWCZYNSKI (AP)



GREEN YEARS: When Reggie White signed with Green Bay, it led to the Packers' first Super Bowl title since Vince Lombardi.

NFL Great Reggie White Dies at 43

'Minister of Defense' respected on, off the field

OBITUARY | Reggie White, a fearsome defensive end for the Philadelphia Eagles and Green Bay Packers who was one of the great players in NFL history, died Sunday, his wife said. He was 43.

The cause of death was not immediately known, but White had a respiratory ailment for several years that affected his sleep, according to Keith Johnson, a pastor serving as family spokesman. An autopsy was to be performed.

A two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year and ordained minister who was known as the "Minister of Defense," White played a total of 15 years with Philadelphia, Green Bay and Carolina. He retired after the 2000 season as the NFL's all-time leader in sacks with 198.

"Reggie White was a gentle warrior who will be remembered as one of the greatest defensive players in NFL history," NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said.

In 1993, White signed with Green Bay, which helped make the Packers champions again. He was the first major black player to sign with the Packers as a free agent.

"He meant as much to us off the field as much as on it," said Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association.

White worked tirelessly with inner-city youths. But his image was tarnished when he gave a speech in which he denounced homosexuality and used ethnic stereotypes. He later apologized. PAUL NOWELL (AP)

In Brief

BASEBALL

Orioles' Ponson Facing Assault Charges in Aruba

Baltimore Orioles pitcher Sidney Ponson has been detained on suspicion of assaulting a local judge at a beach in Aruba on Christmas Day, police said Sunday. Ponson, who was born in Aruba, has not been formally charged, but he is expected to be arraigned Monday on assault and battery charges, police spokesman Edwin Comenencia said. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Vanderbilt's Doster Killed

Vanderbilt running back Kwane Doster was shot to death early Sunday when someone fired at the parked car he was in, police said. Doster, 21, of Tampa, died at Tampa General Hospital after being shot near the Ybor City nightlife district, police spokesman Joe Durkin said. Detectives were trying to find the killer and determine a motive. Doster and two friends had stopped their car while "cruising around" when another car pulled up beside them, Durkin said. Several shots were fired at Doster's car, and one hit him in the chest while he was sitting behind the driver. No one else was hurt. (AP)

WIZARDS

Wizards' Blake, Profit Trade Places on the Injured List

The Washington Wizards placed guard Laron Profit on the injured list Sunday night with a strained left foot and activated guard Steve Blake. Profit has played in nine games this season, averaging 3.1 points, 1.9 rebounds and 1.2 assists. Blake had been sidelined since Dec. 8 with a strained left foot, his second stint on the injured list. (AP)

Patriots Return To Form vs. Jets

FOOTBALL | Tom Brady was back to his old self. So were his Patriots.

New England dominated division rival New York on Sunday, winning 23-7 to clinch a first-round bye in the playoffs. The Jets (10-5), meanwhile, must win their finale at St. Louis next week to be assured of making the AFC playoffs as a wild card.

The Patriots (13-2), coming off an embarrassing 29-28 loss to the Miami Dolphins on Monday night, looked completely different from the squad that had some critics questioning whether the Super Bowl champions had finally lost a step.

Brady threw two touchdown



Tom Brady silenced his critics with two touchdown passes in Sunday's victory.

passes and went 21-of-32 for 264 yards after throwing four picks against Miami. The Patriots defense, which surrendered an 11-point lead with 4 minutes remaining in the Miami game, harassed Chad Pennington all day and stopped NFL leading rusher Curtis Martin. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

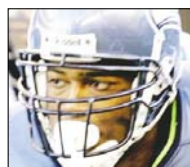
NBA (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Wizards play their first home game in two weeks when hosting the Charlotte Bobcats.

PRO FOOTBALL (9 P.M. ON ABC) The Eagles try to prove they can without Terrell Owens against the Rams.

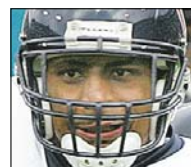
COLLEGE FOOTBALL (2 P.M. ON ESPN) Virginia plays Fresno State in the MPC Computers Bowl in Boise, Idaho.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (5:30 P.M. ON ESPN) Connecticut plays its first bowl game ever against Toledo in the Motor City Bowl.

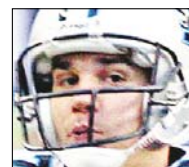
TOP DOGS | SUNDAY'S STARS IN THE NFL



SHAUN ALEXANDER
RB, Seahawks
154 yards, 3 TDs



DOMANICK DAVIS
RB, Texans
150 yards, 1 TD



JAKE DELHOMME
QB, Panthers
214 yards, 4 TDs



KEVIN JONES
RB, Lions
128 yards, 1 TD



L. TOMLINSON
RB, Chargers
177 total yards, 2 TDs



POWER UPGRADE: The upcoming Oxyride battery, developed by Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd., maintains higher voltage and output longer, giving enough juice for twice as many digital pictures as regular batteries.

Personal Tech

Viruses at the Cellular Level

SECURITY | Programs that delete address books. Junk messages that flood a cell phone's inbox. Code that uses wireless technology to sneak onto handsets.

Security experts say plagues such as these will target mobile phones but others contend cell phone viruses are the tech equivalent of smallpox: They are believed

to exist only in labs.

"The only reports we've seen documented are antivirus researchers sending them to each other," Graham Cluley, a senior technology consultant with London's Sophos PLC, said.

Japanese phone company NTT DoCoMo sells phones with antivirus software from McAfee Inc. But all



CORRUPT CALLS: The virus threat to cell phones is, for now, only academic.

viruses that target mobile phones were created and contained within labs, Cluley said.

For one virus to work, it had to be downloaded and activated. It rendered a user's programs inoperable and replaced icons with skulls.

Earlier this year, Russian antivirus company Kaspersky said the virus "Cabir" could affect

Bluetooth-enabled phones that run on the Symbian operating system. According to the company, the virus could send itself as a file from its host phone to others.

Cabir has to be installed. It creates files on the phone and sends itself to other phones. Antivirus company TrendMicro Inc. ranks it as having low damage potential and said it can be removed easily.

Mikko Hypponen, director of Finland's F-Secure Corp., said viruses can't spread through phone calls. **MATT MOORE (AP)**

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Entertainment



As Seen on TV



Two hot soap operas are driving the boom in small-screen style

LOOKING GOOD | For the fashion-obsessed, TV hasn't been the same since Carrie Bradshaw was mugged for her Manolos. But channel-surfing for trend-setting TV is leading many viewers to ABC's "Desperate Housewives" and Fox's "The O.C.," both evening soap operas about stylish suburban subcultures.

On a recent episode of "Desperate Housewives," the minivan moms of Wisteria Lane walked the runway in a charity fashion show modeling gowns by Bradley Bayou for Halston. That collaboration was scripted, but in the wake of the housewife hype, costume designer Cate Adair is receiving an average of 50 unsolicited samples a week from designers hoping to get their clothes on the show. Retro aprons, gingham dish-

SATIN DOLL: Marcia Cross' Bree in raspberry sheath.



Benjamin McKenzie and Chanel mannequin Mischa Barton from "The O.C."

washing gloves, Peanuts T-shirts and more have been shipped to the Universal City set from Texas and beyond.

The show's biggest fashion moment to date came a few weeks ago when Bree (Marcia Cross) tried to seduce her straying spouse clad only in a fur coat, pearls and a red lace La Perla bra and panty set. A spokeswoman from La Perla says the \$265 lingerie set has since sold out.

On the other end of the age spectrum is teen dream "The O.C." Now in its second season, the show has been buoyed by the personal style

of its young stars Mischa Barton, whose relationship with the fashion house Chanel translates into costumes for the show, and Adam Brody, whose signature geek chic has even trickled down to the racks at Target.

A new subscription-based Web site, theocinsider.com, and a companion magazine launched last month offer fashion and makeup tips written by the show's staff, among other things. The site also sells clothes the characters could wear. Lisa Gregorian, senior vice president of TV creative services for Warner Bros. Television, is turning "The O.C." into a brand, with interactive games, soundtracks and high-end apparel.

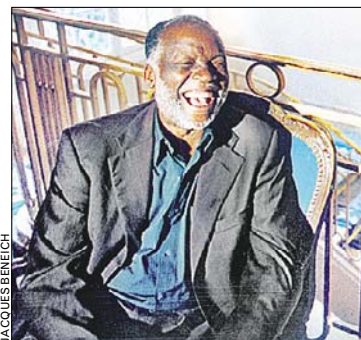
Meanwhile, the influential L.A. boutique Kitson has decorated its windows in the campy style of Wisteria Lane and will soon sell “Desperate Housewives” T-shirts.

Adair's schedule begins when she hits Boca, Whispers and the vintage store Gift Garden Antiques, all in Pacific Palisades. She shops brands such as Theory, Catherine Malandrino, Velvet and Nanette Lepore with each character in mind.

But maintaining the integrity of individual characters' styles could be difficult as consumers grow immune to traditional forms of advertising and television placement becomes a lucrative alternative. BOOTH MOORE (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Today's **Top** Stops

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Jamal is getting cozy at Blues Alley.

Eighty-Eight Keys to the City: Ahmad Jamal

Jazz legend Ahmad Jamal settles in for a six-night run. Catch him before he disappears like 2004.

*Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave.
NW; through Dec. 31, 8 & 10 p.m.,
202-337-4141.*

Heartbroken Rock: Jinxed at Twelve

2 What don't you want to be on New Year's Eve? The band Jinxed at Twelve can tell you.

*Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m.,
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IT'S GOOD TO BE PRINCE: Prince is the concert tour king. He's in the No. 1 spot on Pollstar's Top 25 tours chart for 2004, grossing \$87.4 million for his 69-city, 96-show tour. Celine Dion's Las Vegas show came next, followed by Madonna, Metallica and Bette Midler.



Entertainment

Today's Top Stops

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Stark Attack: Chinese Ceramics

3 The swells of the Art Deco period thought they knew black and white. Well, even Fred Astaire could take a lesson in this most elegant and tricky design combo by perusing the gorgeous ceramics and porcelains on display at the Freer Gallery's "Black and White: Chinese Ceramics," an ongoing exhibition of fine, dramatically glazed tableware and other vessels from the 10th through 14th centuries.

Freer Gallery, 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW; free; 202-633-0494. (Smithsonian)



A swirl-glazed Cizhou-ware jar from northern China in "Black and White."

Star of the East

Hip-hop's Jin wants to break barriers for other Asian rappers

NEW FACES | Jin has the rap-star look down cold: Hoodie, baggy sweats, chunky diamond stud earring, a Chinese character tattooed on his neck and a large blingy necklace.

Not everything's typical, though.

"Yeah, I'm Chinese. And what?" he asked with mock exasperation.

At 22, the Miami-bred, New York-based rapper is something of a pioneer — the first Asian-American hip-hop artist to get a major solo record deal.

His debut album, "The Rest Is History," is a mix of songs that smack of old-school hip-hop's wit and optimism, delivered with a flow and tone similar to Eminem.

The CD is also full of references to Jin's roots, including mentions of the Great Wall, basketball's Yao Ming, China's forced-adoption policy, Tiananmen Square and the struggle of Asian immigrants.

"Them sneakers on your feet cost 100 a pop/My people making



BOTH WAYS: Jin wants hip-hop fans to see past his race, but he also exploits it.

15 cents a day in sweatshops/To make them kicks so you can look good/Think we open restaurants 'cause we cook good?" he raps in one song.

The rapper — born Jin Au-Yeung — fell in love with hip-hop on the Miami streets, honing his lyrical skills in head-to-head rhyming contests while making deliveries from his family's Chinese restaurant.

He eventually gained national attention on BET's "106th & Park" freestyle competition, outlasting all rivals for seven weeks with a blend of cheeky and innovative rhymes.

Knowing his race might be used against him, Jin made pre-emptive strikes: "Yeah I'm Chinese," he told one competitor. "Now you'll understand it/I'm the reason why you're little sis' eyes are slanted."

If you're still skeptical, Jin understands: He might be too. "If I was just a random hip-hop fan, and I saw Jin and I didn't know him, the first thing I would think, too, is, 'Yo, is this guy the truth?'" he said.

On the one hand, he feels pressure from skeptical non-Asians, eager to question his mainstream hip-hop legitimacy. But he knows he must deliver for his Asian fans.

"Not to feel that I can't live up to the hype, but sometimes I feel like the bar is set so high that even if I am accomplishing something that's great, it doesn't meet the super-sensational great that people want," he said. MARK KENNEDY (AP)

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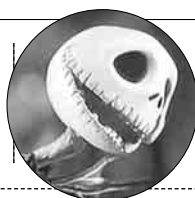
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RECURRING 'NIGHTMARE': Tim Burton's whimsical animated creations are branching out. Disney's interactive game unit will publish "Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas: Oogie's Revenge" as well as "The Pumpkin King." The PS2- and Xbox-ready games will hit shelves in October.

Fox TV's Parent Trap

'Who's Your Daddy?' stirs up the ire of the adoption community

REALITY BITES BACK | The Fox network, which drew complaints earlier this year for reality shows about gay impostors and a dwarf looking for his bride, has provoked an organized campaign against its newest

reality-show creation, "Who's Your Daddy?"

Angered over a reality show they say trivializes the complex feelings surrounding adoption, a loose coalition of adoptees, adoptive parents and birth parents has launched a nationwide effort to force Fox to cancel the show's Jan. 3 broadcast.

In the show, an adult woman

adopted as an infant has a chance to win \$100,000 if she can correctly choose her biological father from among eight men. If she chooses a fake, he will win the money. Five other father-and-child reunions have been taped but not scheduled.

Without having seen the show, most protesters lashed out against the title, the use of the phrase "real dad" in a Fox news release and the



Contestants on Fox's new show win cash for sussing out a sperm donor.

concept of rewarding adoptees with large amounts of cash for selecting the correct birth parent.

Fox executives in Los Angeles on Tuesday issued a statement which began, "It is not the producers' or network's intention to offend anyone, but clearly the title of this special is attention-grabbing — possibly contributing to controversy. It is not indicative, however, of the special's actual content."

Fox executives declined to say whether they would reconsider the scheduled Jan. 3 airing. **LYNN SMITH** WITH MARTHA GROVES (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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TUPAC FOREVER: Eight years after Tupac Shakur's murder, the rapper continues to score high on the charts. The



prolific artist has his third posthumous number one this week with "Loyal to the Game," his fifth number one album overall.

Entertainment

Jersey When It Sizzles

DVD | One of the year's nicest surprises at the movies, Zach Braff's "Garden State" also makes for a surprisingly comprehensive DVD.

The single disc, to be released Tuesday, contains a surprisingly big store of bonus features, including 16 deleted scenes, a making-of documentary, a blooper reel and two

commentary tracks. Actually, it's refreshing to watch a DVD with a few, well-chosen extras instead of an avalanche of promo.

The indie drama about a 20-something who returns home for his mother's funeral deals with some serious themes, but the DVD never drowns in dourness. Newbie

director Braff's energy, as well as that of the young cast and crew, comes across throughout.

Best Bonus Point: The deleted scenes give viewers a broader sense of story by including some plot points that were previously excised. Plus, we get to see an intense confrontation between Braff's character and



FLOWER CHILD: Zach Braff directs and stars in the drama "Garden State."

his father (Ian Holm).

Surprisingly Engaging Bonus Point: The commentary track with Braff and co-star Natalie Portman is informative and conversational at the same time. Braff explains how certain shots were filmed while Portman confesses to never having put a record on a turntable until she had to do it for the movie. "I grew up with tapes," she explains. Ah, youth. **JEN CHANEY** (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)

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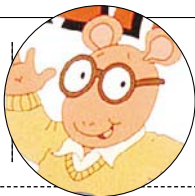
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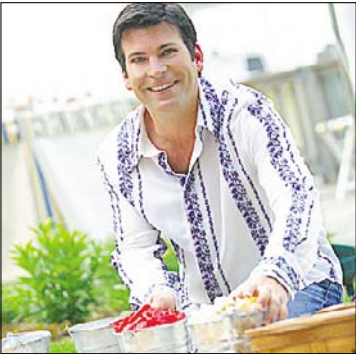


ARTHUR AGES: "Arthur" is now older than the 8-year-old aardvark who's the title character of the popular kids' cartoon. The PBS series returns for its ninth season this week with a surprise—a guest "appearance" by Frank Gehry, as a bear.

ON TV TONIGHT

KNOCK 'EM DEAD
Christmas is over. It's time to start obsessing about New Year's Eve. The new daily series **THE PARTY PLANNER WITH DAVID TUTERA** (Discovery, 2 p.m.) offers practical advice to help you throw memorable gatherings. In each episode, Tuter, an event planner, works with other experts to offer advice on unique party-throwing challenges, such as graduations, baby showers, business events, housewarmings, etc.

NOW YOU HAVE NO EXCUSE
HOUSE (Fox) Hugh Laurie's Dr. Gregory House is a prickly customer. Make that a pill-popping crank. But his patients and colleagues always come around to appreciate his brutal application of reason over sentiment. Dr. House may not



David Tuter coaxes aluminum pots and natural elements to do his bidding.

be nice, but he's hard to forget. In tonight's first episode (8 p.m.), House risks alienating an ailing boy's parents with probing questions about his genetic background. In the second (9 p.m.), a maternity ward epidemic leaves House's staff with some hard choices.

CROSSING VEGAS
Business takes Jordan and company to Las Vegas on **CROSSING JORDAN** (9 p.m., NBC), where they linger for a crossover episode of Las Vegas (10 p.m., NBC).

WW, TOO
AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (9 p.m., PBS) A profile of President Woodrow Wilson.

SUNSHINE STATE INDEED
CSI: MIAMI (10 p.m., CBS) A young woman is pushed in front of a moving bus.

CULT CHOICE
RANCHO NOTORIOUS (6 p.m., TCM) "Metropolis" director and German Expressionist filmmaker Fritz Lang tries his hand at the cowboy genre with fellow expatriate Marlene Dietrich in the 1952 Western.

THE SMELL OF DESPERATION
LISTEN UP (8:30 p.m., CBS) Tony borrows Dennis Rodman's SUV. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Antidote to Cheer

MYSTERY MARATHON | TCM invites turkey-saturated viewers to spend the night with Alfred Hitchcock and Jimmy Stewart. In "Vertigo" (8 p.m.), a detective (Stewart) develops a morbid fascination with a girl who looks like his dead girlfriend. Stewart also stars in the 1948 drama "Rope" (10:30 p.m.) as a professor who teaches his students (Farley Granger and John Dall) all too well about the superiority of some people over others.

The mini-marathon includes Hitchcock's 1956 "The Man Who Knew Too Much" (midnight), and concludes with "Rear Window"



Jimmy Stewart and Kim Novak in Hitchcock's classic thriller "Vertigo."

(Tuesday, 2:15 a.m.), in which Stewart stars as a wheelchair-using photographer convinced that his neighbor (Raymond Burr) has committed a murder. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

12.27.04	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC (4) News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Fear Factor		Crossing Jordan		Las Vegas "Two of a Kind"		News	The Tonight Show
	WTTG (5) The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Friends	Seinfeld	House "Paternity"		House "Maternity"		News		Friends	Drew Carey
	WJLA (7) News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	ESPN's Blunderful World of Sports		NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at St. Louis Rams. From the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis. (S Live)					
	WUSA (9) News	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Still Standing	Listen Up	Every-Raymond	Two/Half Men	CSI: Miami "Under the Influence"		News	(:35) Late Show
	WDCA (20) Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	One on One	Half & Half	Girlfriends	Second Time	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Every-Raymond	Dharma & Greg
	WMPT (22) The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Direct Connection	Antiques Roadshow			American Experience "Woodrow Wilson"	(DVS)	American Experience "Woodrow Wilson"	(DVS)		
LOCAL CHANNELS	WETA (26) BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Antiques Roadshow			Antiques Roadshow		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)	
	WHUT (32) Carib Nation	Uncommon	BBC World News	MoneyWise	Globe Trekker "Best Dives"		Wide Angle		BBC World News		Charlie Rose (N)	
LOCAL CHANNELS	WBDC (50) The Parkers	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	7th Heaven		Everwood		Will & Grace	Just Shoot Me	Will & Grace	Blind Date
BASIC CABLE	A&E City Confidential		Amer. Justice		Airline	Airline	Growing Up Gotti	Growing Up Gotti	Cold Case Files		Crossing Jordan "Fire and Ice"	
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BASIC CABLE	BET 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET.com Count	Movie		Walk of Fame "A Tribute to Smokey Robinson" Honoring Smokey Robinson.		BET Nightly News	Grown Folks		
	Bravo (3:00) *** "Short Cuts" (1993)		The West Wing "College Kids"		The West Wing		The West Wing	"Isaac and Ishmael"	The West Wing "College Kids"			
BASIC CABLE	Comedy Mad TV		Mad TV		Mad TV		*** "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" (2001, Comedy) Ben Affleck.		Drawn Together	Drawn Together		
	Court NYPD Blue "The Last Round Up"		Cops	Cops	The Investigators "Betrayal of Trust"		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Psychic Detect	I, Detective	House of Clues	Fake Out
BASIC CABLE	Discovery Monster Garage "Peterbuilt Chopper"		American Chopper "Liberty Bike 1"		Monster House "Surfer Girl House"		Monster Garage		American Chopper "Mikey's Bike 2"		Monster House "Surfer Girl House"	
	DISCH Chicago Hope		Trauma: Life in the ER		Impact: Stories of Survival		Humanimals: Wild Makeovers		Diagnosis: Unknown		Impact: Stories of Survival	
BASIC CABLE	Disney Lizzie McGuire	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	*** "The Princess Diaries" (2001) Julie Andrews, Anne Hathaway.		(:10) *** "The Princess Diaries" (2001) Julie Andrews, Anne Hathaway.		Love Is in the Heir	Love Is in the Heir	Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	E! Jackie Collins Presents		E! News (N)	Life Is Great	Survivor: The E! True Hollywood Story	The reality show, "Survivor."	Love Is in the Heir	Love Is in the Heir	Howard Stern	Howard Stern		
BASIC CABLE	FX Fear Factor		King of the Hill	King of the Hill	*** "Black Knight" (2001, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Marsha Thomason.		Fear Factor		King of the Hill	King of the Hill		
	HGTV Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Across America	Sensible Chic	Decorating Cents	Designers'	Design on a Dime	Design on a Dime	Painted House	House Hunters
BASIC CABLE	Family 7th Heaven		Smallville "Precipice"		*** "Rookie of the Year" (1993) Thomas Ian Nicholas, Gary Busey.		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club			
	History The Worst Jobs in History		Modern Marvels "Coal Mines"		UFO Files		Hell: The Devil's Domain (N)		Hooked: Illegal Drugs			
BASIC CABLE	Lifetime (5:00) *** "A Cooler Climate" (1999)		"Lying Eyes" (1996, Suspense) Cassidy Rae, Vincent Irizarry.		"No Regrets" (2004, Drama) Janine Turner, Brad Johnson, Lari White.		How Clean	How Clean				
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BASIC CABLE	NICK Hey Arnold!	SpongeBob	The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius		Jimmy Neutron		Family Face-Off: Hollywood		Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show	Roseanne	Roseanne
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BASIC CABLE	SPIKE *** "The World Is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle.		Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends	Friends	WWE Raw Scheduled: preparing for the "Elimination Chamber."		(:05) *** "The World Is Not Enough"			
	TBS Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	*** "Men in Black" (1997) (PA)	
BASIC CABLE	TLC Clean Sweep		In a Fix		Extreme Plastic Surgery		Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills (N)		10 Years Younger	10 Years Younger	Extreme Plastic Surgery	
	TNT Charmed "Charmed Again"		Law & Order "Born Again"		Law & Order "Star Crossed"		Law & Order "Evil Breeds"		Law & Order "School Daze"		Without a Trace "The Friendly Skies"	
BASIC CABLE	USA *** "Head Over Heels" (2001) Monica Potter, Freddie Prinze Jr.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		VH1 Goes Inside		*** "Mercury Rising" (1998, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin, Miko Hughes.		Serial Daters		Awesomely Oversexed	
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SPORTS	ESPN (5:30) College Football Motor City Bowl -- Connecticut vs. Toledo. From Detroit. (Live)						Figure Skating Grand Prix Final. From Beijing. (Taped)					
	ESPN2 SportsCenter (Live)		Monday Night Countdown (Live)				Junior Hockey IIHF World Championship -- Switzerland vs. United States. From Grand Forks, N.D.				Cowboys Cheer	
SPORTS	CSN I, Max (N)	SportsNite (Live)	Monday Night Live (Live)				Wizard's Mag.	Totally Football	SportsNite (Live)		ACC Live	Best-Sports
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	FNC Special Report (Live)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live)		Hannity & Colmes (Live)		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
NEWS	MSNBC The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live)		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball	
MOVIES	AMC (5:15) *** "Serpico" (1973, Drama) Al Pacino, Tony Roberts. 'R'				*** "Unlawful Entry" (1992, Suspense) Kurt Russell, Ray Liotta. 'R'		(:15) *** "Boiling Point" (1993, Drama) Wesley Snipes, Dennis Hopper. 'R'					
	TCM *** "Rancho Notorious" (1952, Western) Marlene Dietrich. 'NR'				*** "Vertigo" (1958) James Stewart. A detective with a fear of heights falls for his quarry.		*** "Rope" (1948) James Stewart. 'PG'					
MOVIES	HBO *** "Bend It Like Beckham" (2002) Parminder Nagra. 'PG-13'				The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos "In Camelot"		Carnivale "Hot and Bothered"			
	MAX (1:15) ★ "Grind" (2003, Comedy) Mike Vogel, Vince Vieluf. 'PG-13'				*** "You Got Served" (2004) Marques Houston. 'PG-13'		Perfect Gooseys					
MOVIES	SHOW (5:30) *** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. 'R'		(:45) SHO Me First		*** "Pulp Fiction" (1994, Drama) John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson. iTV. 'R'		(:35) *** "Monster" (2003) Charlize Theron. 'R'					
	TMC (5:30) ★ "The Scarlet Letter" (1995, Drama) Demi Moore. 'R'				*** "The Hours" (2002, Drama) Meryl Streep. 'PG-13'		*** "What's Cooking?" (2000) Alfre Woodard. 'PG-13'					
MOVIES	STARZ! So I Married	(:35) ★ "The Hulk" (2003) Eric Bana. Scientist Bruce Banner transforms into a powerful brute.			*** "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (2003, Action) Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu. 'R'		*** "Pulp Fiction" (1994) 'R'					
	ENCORE (1:05) *** "The Big Chill" (1983, Drama) Tom Berenger. 'R'				*** "Harlem Nights" (1989, Comedy-Drama) Eddie Murphy. 'R'		*** "The Thing" (1982, Horror) Kurt Russell, Richard Dysart. 'R'					

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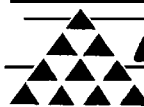
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Medical schools hope to boost numbers of rural-area physicians

MEDICINE | Wanted: students who want to become country doctors. Tulane University is trying to bring more doctors to rural areas.

Lack of rural doctors is a problem nationwide. One-fifth of the U.S. population — about 60 million people — lives in rural areas. About 10 percent of doctors live in rural areas, said Marcia Brand, head of the U.S. Office of Rural Health Policy.

One of the first programs to train doctors for rural areas was set up in 1974 at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Graduates of that program are eight times more likely to become rural doctors, said Dr. Howard K. Rabinowitz, its director. A study of the first nine classes found that 80 percent were still country doctors.

In contrast, almost half of doctors lured to needy areas with schol-

arships or college-loan help leave after their time is up.

One reason, said Dr. Richard Streiffer, head of Tulane Rural Medical Education, is that city kids are more likely to get into medical schools. And they want to work in or near cities. In addition, medical schools are located in cities.

The Jefferson Medical program has mentors, courses about rural medicine, and month-long “rotations” working in rural areas.

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“If you’re looking for more of a 9-to-5 practice where you can sign out, and someone’s going to cover for you,” rural medicine isn’t for you, said Dr. James E. Devlin, a program graduate.

JANET MCCONNAUGHEY (AP)

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Business

Diet soda is the focus of the U.S. beverage industry's innovation

Still think the cola wars are about Coke vs. Pepsi?

The carbonated beverage battleground is diet vs. regular, and the lightweight could flatten its full-calorie cousin.

Sales of diet are surging. While regular soda sales sag, diet has grown steadily since the 1990s.

In an obese nation obsessed with calories and carbs, people are switching to diet, and beverage companies are giving them more choices.

The industry is better prepared than most to capitalize on America's perpetual diet.

"There's no such thing as a no-calorie hamburger. There's no such thing as a no-calorie doughnut," said John Sicher, editor of Beverage Digest. "But the soft drink industry already has these huge power-

ful brands" of diet drinks.

What's behind diet's strong performance?

Calorie consciousness is a huge part. Prompted by a growing awareness of their growing waistlines, more people want low- and no-calorie soft drinks, said Sicher.

Innovation has helped, too. Soda companies are churning out a stunning variety of new diet flavors. PepsiCo Inc. alone offers nearly a dozen low-calorie sodas.

New sweeteners also have broad-

King of Pop

ened the appeal — and definition — of diet sodas. Coke and Pepsi offer soft drinks with a blend of sugar and no-calorie sweetener, claiming the taste is similar to regular but with half the calories.

Diet drinks are the only segment of the soda industry that is growing,

and that has forced companies to rethink how they handle it.

At Coke, Dan Dillon, vice president of marketing for Coke's diet sodas, said it meant treating the diet varieties as separate entities. Gone is the model of diet beverages as knockoffs of regular flavors.

The soft drink industry is better prepared than most others to capitalize on America's perpetual diet.



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

CALORIE CUTTING: Worried about weight gain, buyers want diet options.

Craven, editor of beverage industry newsletter Bevnet, said.

For nutritionists, who issue dire warnings about the obesity epidemic, a diet soda surge is good news. A growing body of studies suggests soft drinks promote weight gain.

What difference can diet make? Terrill Bravender, director of adolescent medicine at Duke University Medical Center, said a person who drinks two regular sodas a day could lose a pound of fat in two weeks by switching to diet. J.M. HIRSCH (AP)

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Going Out Gurus

New Year's Eve

Washingtonpost.com's **ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE STAFF** was online Thursday with ideas for ringing-in 2005 — from fireworks to free parties | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

We're doing cocktails at home and planning on joining the masses in Adams Morgan for the ball drop. Any suggestions for good music but without the \$100 cover?

Asylum, Adams Mill, Millie and Al's, Bossa. Not sure about Bukom, but if you like reggae it's worth checking out.

I wanted to take my girlfriend out for a nice evening on New Year's. I see that there are a bunch of parties, do any have fireworks?

The only places with fireworks are the family-friendly First Night parties in Annapolis, Md., and Alexandria, Va. You might just want to choose a bar/club party in one of those cities and slip outside to watch the celebrations. I was told that the Old Town Fireworks, launched from the George Washington Masonic Memorial, will be visible from Old Town Alexandria.

So, New Year's Eve is upon us — also called "amateur night" or the most overrated night of the year. I'm torn between going out and staying in — my boyfriend's new to the area,

so it might be fun to find something to do. The enormously-overpriced parties aren't our style. Any ideas for some early-30-year-olds who don't want to pay hundreds for an all-you-can-drink party?

I'd steer you to some of the free parties out there at cooler bars — Asylum, Cafe Saint-Ex, Wonderland — or maybe the party at DC9, though I'm not sure how anyone's gonna drink \$50-worth of Schlitz or Bud Light.

I'm relatively new to the area and don't have many friends that live near me. Is there any hope of going out alone and finding a good place within a reasonable driving distance to spend New Year's? Spending it with my dog sounds very, very lame.

Head to O'Faolain's on NYE. I like the pub. The food and beer are good, and they're having live music and dancing. There's a \$5 cover after 9 p.m., and it shouldn't be hard to get home.

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NOTE: Washingtonpost.com's live chats will resume Monday, Jan. 3, 2005.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



Letters

Send Out the Clones

WITH ALL THE CATS (and dogs) languishing in shelters nationwide, it's simply disgusting that anyone would pay \$50,000 to clone a deceased non-human friend, as reported in

last week's Express. I adopted my beloved kitty 10 years ago from a Humane Society shelter, and she has provided wonderful companionship ever since. I would never dream of finding a kitty companion anywhere but a shelter, and I hope that others who are distraught over the loss of a beloved friend who wish to have another critter to comfort them will

look to shelters as well.

—DANIELLE KICHLER
Washington, D.C.

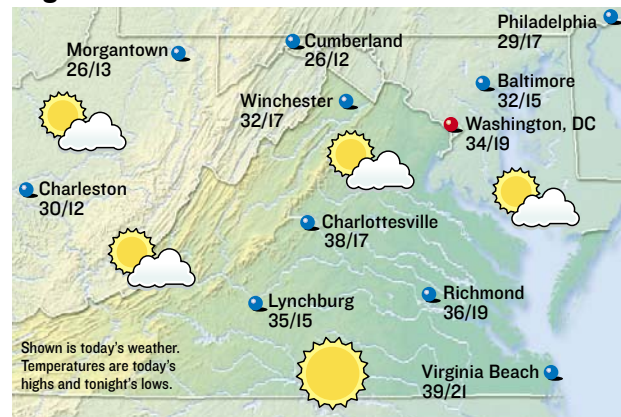
Correction:

In our weekend edition, we reported incorrect information about India's Christian population. Christians make up about 2 percent of the country's 1 billion people.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cold despite plenty of sunshine 34°	Clear to partly cloudy and cold 19°	Partly sunny, not quite as cold 38° / 32°	Partly sunny and mild 53° / 36°	Partly sunny and mild 50° / 36°	Mostly cloudy and mild 54° / 40°

Regional Weather



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun.

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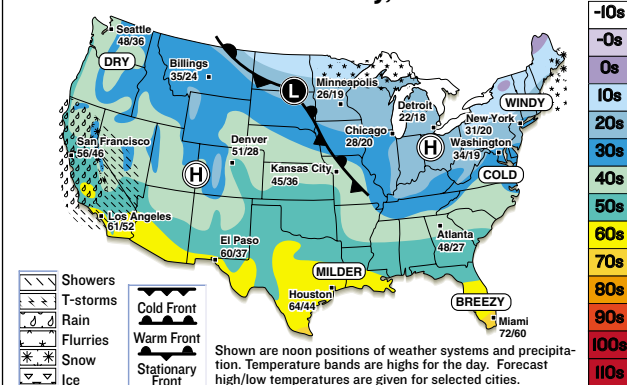
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Sunset tonight	4:53 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:39 p.m.
Moonsset today	8:34 a.m.

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National Weather for Monday, December 27



National Cities

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Chicago	28/20/pc	38/30/pc
Dallas	59/42/s	62/49/pc
Denver	51/28/pc	53/26/pc
Honolulu	80/67/sh	80/67/pc
Los Angeles	61/52/r	61/52/r
Miami	72/60/pc	73/62/sh
New York City	31/20/s	35/32/pc
Orlando	62/50/pc	68/52/pc
Seattle	48/38/pc	46/38/pc

World Cities

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Athens	63/51/pc	61/43/r
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Calgary	23/14/pc	34/10/c
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LOOK out

People

'THE APPRENTICE' No Matter the Challenge, Trump's Hair Always Wins

Move over, Mosaic. Out of the way, Apex. Here comes Magna and Networth, the latest squads to do **DONALD TRUMP**'s bidding on the third go-round of NBC's "The Apprentice." This time, it's about education and experience. With only high school diplomas in hand, street smarts team Networth will battle book smarts team Magna in various tasks involving companies such as Burger King, Home Depot, Domino's and Nescafe. "We wanted to see what would happen if we pitted college grads against high school grads," Trump said in a statement. (AP)



GEOGRAPHY

Bush's New Neighbor in Texas: A Damn Yankee

The Motor City Madman is officially turning Texan. Michigan rocker and hunting activist **TED NUGENT** says he plans to get a Texas driver's license soon. He said in a phone interview last week that he'll officially become a Texas resident in 2005, after moving his family to Crawford, Texas, about 18 months ago. He said his son, Rocco, is excelling in school and has done well in sports. Nugent — who said he supports President Bush "100 percent" — said his new home is "right around



We'd bet good money that Nugent's just crazy enough to mess with Texas.

the corner" from Bush's ranch. Nugent said he's working with the Texas fish and game department, where he writes for a state publication on bowhunting. (AP)

Good Celebrity Citizen



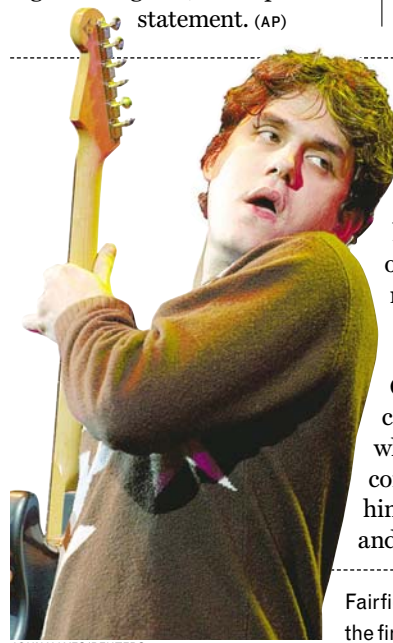
Actress **ISABELLA ROSSELLINI** isn't your usual dog-walker, but the pooch she trains isn't any old dog. For the past 10 months, Rossellini has been training a future guide dog for the blind for a New York-based group. She said the project "allows me to combine my love of dogs with work for my community."

IRONY

His Body Is a Security Risk

Grammy Award-winner **JOHN MAYER** returned to his alma mater last week to be inducted into its Hall of Fame — and wound up in the headmaster's office. The 27-year-old guitarist and singer, a 1995 graduate of Fairfield Warde High School in Connecticut, decided to attend the ceremony but was barred because of what school officials said were security concerns. Mayer said officials stalled him until the ceremony was under way and then walked him to his car. (AP)

Fairfield, Conn., school officials became the first people ever to fear John Mayer.



JOHN HAYES/REUTERS

JUSTICE

Ex-Manager Last to Notice Brando's Eccentricities

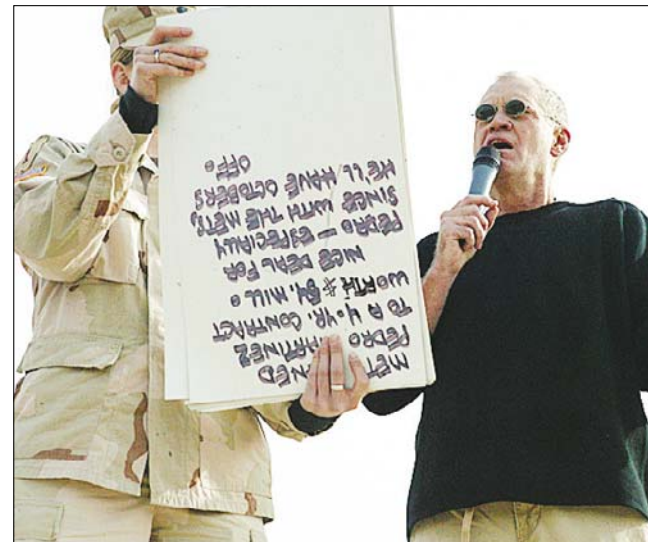
MARLON BRANDO's former business manager filed a \$3.5 million claim against his estate, alleging the Oscar winner sexually harassed her and breached their contract by removing her as a co-executor of his will days before his death on July 1. The claim, submitted by lawyers for Jo An Corrales of Kalama, Wash., says Brando "caused a hostile work environment due to his continuous acts of sexual harassment." (AP)



FOR THE TROOPS

'Late' Blooms

David Letterman brought his late-night show to Marines serving in Iraq on Friday, loosening up the Camp Taqaddum crowd with the line, "Anybody here from out of town?" Letterman brought along comedian Tom Dreesen and the band Off the Wall. When hands flew in the air in response to requests for a volunteer to help deliver the opening monologue, he asked: "Isn't that how you got here?" (AP)



Sgt. Luis R. Agostini/U.S. Marines/AP

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

Eat Your Heart Out, Martha

The police union in Greenwich, Conn., has alleged that the town's police chief gave **DIANA ROSS** special treatment while the singer served her sentence for an Arizona drunken-driving conviction. The union said Chief James Walters allowed Ross to have a cell phone in her jail cell, have food delivered and let her go home in the middle of her sentence. Walters disputes the charges. (AP)



Despite appearances, it is not alleged that Ross's hair received special perks.

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On Dec. 27, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan; in 1904, James Barrie's play "Peter Pan: The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up" opened in London; and, in 1932, Radio City Music Hall opened in New York.

Looking Up | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

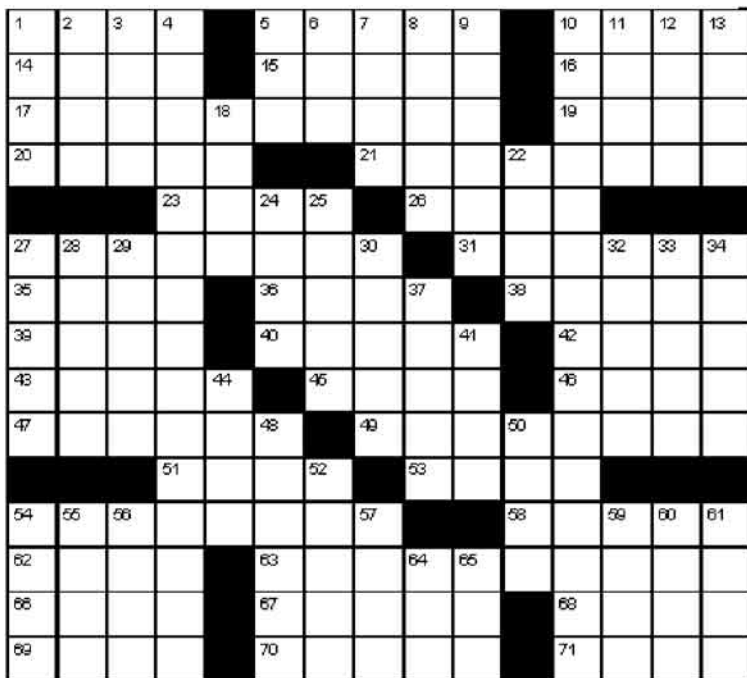
ACROSS

1 Welfare of sorts
5 Low-voiced singers
10 Said "Not guilty," e.g.
14 Langston Hughes, for one
15 Blow up?
16 Easy gait
17 Energy converters
19 Extent
20 Ingress
21 Fragrant poisonous shrub
23 Word with for or one-day
26 Newsstand selection
27 One with a flower fetish
31 Prosperous one
35 Stratford-____-Avon
36 ____ Day and the Knights
38 Penumbra
39 Man the bar
40 ____ Ark
42 11 components?
43 Lock not on a door
45 Desdemona's handkerchief, e.g.
46 Knucklehead
47 "Core" of an Edgar Rice Burroughs title
49 Stroke
51 Bust, perhaps
53 Sojourn
54 Duly appointed agent
58 Pipsqueak

62 Abrupt transition
63 They contain high gravitational fields
66 Arhus resident
67 "____ Grows in Brooklyn"
68 Psych finish
69 "Rag Mop" brothers
70 Windy City politician
71 Tin can flaw

DOWN

1 Basilica section
2 Kook
3 Get all mushy?
4 She's a grand old flag
5 "Fawlty Towers" network
6 Ginger adjunct
7 Fly alone
8 La ____ (French explorer)
9 Reflexive pronoun
10 Trendy eatery
11 Heavenly Father
12 Blunted sword
13 Diary opener
18 Actor O'Neal
22 Start of a phrase of regret
24 Jungle monarch
25 Prohibit, legally
27 Neighbor of Helena
28 Passion of a noted phantom
29 Laser printer supply



30 Papal triple crown
32 It gets going with a good paddling
33 Between two in an intimate relationship
34 Peevish
37 Compares prices
41 Canine of kiddie literature
44 Casually catch flies
48 Sailor or comedian
50 Trodden way
52 Southwest alternative
54 Farr's co-worker
55 Sewer's union?
56 Clearheaded
57 British blueblood
59 Threat ending
60 Bit puller
61 Secretive attention getter
64 Fair mark
65 Sardine-can opener

Thursday's Solution



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be sure to ask questions. Don't let others dictate your behavior without understanding why or what's in it for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You willingly accept small talk in most social situations, but frequently it will bore you to tears. Try a new social outlet.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll be given an important choice before the day is out — and ultimately you'll look back on this day as a pivotal one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Positive factors must be highlighted. You can do much to eliminate the negative or questionable — at least in your professional life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) That which you do not know should not intimidate you. Be willing to explore unfamiliar territory when the opportunity arises.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're in the mood for some artistic satisfaction. Now is a good time for digging in and getting ahead on a pet project.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be able to maintain a very even-tempered, steady, calm approach to an important problem. Do what you can to keep your temper in check.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You needn't be such a perfectionist. Lighten up. Let others

have a say. You may find that life can be just a trifle easier and less hectic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Will power is an essential ingredient — particularly when you are faced with unexpected challenges from rivals and other opponents.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Do what you can to promote easy, soothing progress. Avoid those who are unusually temperamental or demanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) This is a good day for going about your business in the privacy of your own home. If you can make money at the same time, all the better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may be surprised how quickly you fall under the spell of someone new — either at work or during evening hours.

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